

HOUSE BILL NO. 383.

Executive Office, State of Texas,
Austin, May 1, 1907.

To the Secretary of State:

House bill No. 383, entitled "An Act to establish an asylum to be known as the State institution for the feeble-minded and such idiots and imbeciles as may apply hereunder, and making appropriations therefor, and declaring an emergency," is herewith transmitted for file in your office, and is disapproved on account of the following objections:

1. Said act carries an appropriation for twenty-five thousand dollars to erect and equip the necessary building at the lunatic asylum at Austin "for the accommodation of the feeble-minded." The construction and maintenance of such an institution in connection with the State Lunatic Asylum is not deemed wise, as experts with whom I have had an opportunity to consult upon the treatment of the insane and also upon the care and treatment of the feeble-minded, advise against this policy, and it is believed that when the State's financial condition will justify an appropriation for the establishment of such an institution that the same should not be erected and maintained in such a manner as to associate together the inmates of the respective institutions.

2. No appropriation was made either by the bill or by the general appropriation bill for the purchase of necessary furnishings for the proposed addition to the lunatic asylum at Austin, and the proposed buildings would be unnecessary and could not be used, as they would answer no useful purpose whatever without proper and adequate equipment and furnishings.

T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor.